

## United States Department of the Interior Office of Valuation Services Mountain Region

### **APPRAISAL REVIEW**

Bureau of Land Management

West Crown Parcel (non-Federal) of the

Sutey Ranch BLM Land Exchange

Pitkin County, Colorado

**IVIS No. L12214** 

#### APPRAISAL REPORT PREPARED BY:

Kevin A. Chandler, MAI Chandler Consulting Steamboat Springs, Colorado 80477

EFFECTIVE DATE OF VALUE: November 15, 2012

TYPE OF VALUE Market Value

#### **PROPERTY APPRAISED:**

A total of 111.78 acres (non-Federal West Crown Parcel) Located: T.8 S, R.88 W., Southeast of Town of Carbondale, Pitkin County, Colorado

APPRAISAL REVIEW REPORT PREPARED BY: Kent C. Stevens, MAI

DATE OF APPRAISAL REVIEW REPORT: January 10, 2013



# United States Department of the Interior Office of Valuation Services Mountain Region

January 10, 2013

Maryanne Kurtinaitis BLM State Office 2850 Youngfield Street Lakewood, CO 80215

Re: Review of Appraisal by Kevin A. Chandler, MAI.

BLM - IVIS No. L12214 - This is a review of an appraisal of the non-Federal West Crown Parcel of the BLM Sutey Ranch BLM Land Exchange. The parcel is located within Pitkin County, Colorado. Other parcels of the exchange are located in Pitkin and Eagle Counties (IVIS No. L12214 also includes the Sutey Ranch Parcel located in Garfield County). Those parcels and the Federal parcels

are addressed in other reports and have separate reviews.

#### Dear Ms. Kurtinaitis:

I have reviewed the above-captioned appraisal report to determine if it is acceptable for use by the Bureau of Land Management. The effective date of the property appraisal under review is November 15, 2012.

This appraisal review report has been prepared in conformance with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP), and the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions (UASFLA).

Based on my review, I have concluded that the appraisal report that is the subject of this review is approved for use by the Bureau of Land Management.

Respectfully submitted,

Kent C. Stevens, MAI, Review Appraiser DOI - Office of Valuation Services 12136 West Bayaud Avenue, Suite 100 Lakewood, CO 80228 (303) 969 - 5366 kent\_stevens@ios.doi.gov CO State Certification No. CG-01324531

APPRAISAL REVIEW			
ARRTS Number:	L12214		
Agency Case ID:	COC-74812FD		
Property Owner:	Bureau of Land Management (BLM)		
Agency's Proposed Action:	Determine Market Value		
Property Appraised:	111.78 acres of land in the non-Federal West Crown Parcel.		
	These parcels are located southeast of the Town of		
	Carbondale, Pitkin County, Colorado		
Legal Description:	T.8 South., R.88 West W., 6 <sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian, Pitkin		
	County, Colorado		
Appraiser:	Kevin A. Chandler, MAI of Chandler Consulting		
Real Property Interest:	Fee Simple (subject to reservations of record)		
Highest and Best Use:	One single-family rural residential home site (seasonal use or		
	year-round with some private winter road maintenance) with		
	complimentary agriculture and / or recreation.		
Present Use:	Agriculture use and private recreation		
Effective Date of Value:	November 15, 2012		
Date of Appraisal Report:	December 15, 2012		
Date of Review Report:	January 10, 2013		
Client of Review:	Office of Valuation Services (OVS)		
Intended Users of Review:	Office of Valuation Services (OVS), Western Land Group,		
	Leslie and Abigail Wexner, as represented by Gideon		
	Kaufman, and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)		
Intended Use of Review:	Determine if use of appraisal estimate of market value is		
	acceptable for use by BLM.		
Market Value	\$950,000 (\$8,500 per acre as rounded for the property)		
Improvement Allocation:	N/A		
Extraordinary Assumptions:	N/A		
Hypothetical Conditions:	N/A		

**Reviewer Recommends:** Approval of the appraisal report for use by the BLM.

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**Purpose of the Review:** The purpose of this review is to evaluate compliance by the appraiser with the OVS Statement of Work (SOW), the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP), and Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions (UASFLA).

**Scope of the Review:** I inspected subject West Crown Parcel comprising 111.78 acres on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and November 15, 2012. The August 23<sup>rd</sup> inspection I was with Kevin Chandler and several other people from Western Land Group, BLM and representatives of different land owners. On August 22 - 23 we visited and inspected all of the properties involved with the proposed exchange and several of the comparable sales used in the report.

On November 15<sup>th</sup> I again inspected the subject site (all of the exchange parcels) with Appraiser Kevin Chandler. We were accompanied by James Sander, an OVS employee. I have been provided considerable data, maps, legal descriptions, and other information pertaining to the various subject sites involved in the proposed exchange. I have had a number of discussions with Kevin Chandler and others regarding aspects of the various appraisal problems associated with the proposed exchange. Beyond ascertaining compliance with the SOW, USPAP, and UASFLA, the reviewer read the report and verified that the correct property and property rights were valued by the Appraiser. The reviewer is relying on the factual data contained in the appraisal report in the conduct of this review assignment.

As review appraiser it is useful to appreciate the context of this specific review being one part of four separate reviews of four separate reports of the Sutey Ranch BLM Land Exchange. As shown on page 11 of the report titled SUMMARY OF APPRAISAL PROBLEMS, the exchange includes six Federal parcels and two non-Federal parcels. The six Federal Parcels are presented in two separate reports with two separate reviews. The two non-Federal parcels each have one report and there is one review for each non-Federal report.

#### ASSUMPTIONS AND LIMITING CONDITIONS

- 1. I do not authorize the out-of-context quoting from, or partial reprinting of, this review report.
- 2. This review report is based on information and data contained in the appraisal report, which is the subject of the review.
- 3. It is assumed that the data contained in the appraisal report are factual and accurate.
- 4. The reviewer reserves the right to reconsider the conclusions reached in this review should any new or additional information become available that contradicts the data relied upon in the appraisal report under review.
- 5. Unless otherwise stated, all assumptions and limiting conditions contained in the appraisal report, which is the subject of this appraisal review, are also conditions of this review.

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## REVIEWER'S OPINIONS, REASONS, ANALYSES, COMMENTS, AND CONCLUSIONS

# a) Develop an opinion as to the accuracy and completeness of the material under review, given the reviewer's scope of work.

The appraisal report appears to be accurate and complete. The description in the report of the subject West Crown Parcel, with a total area of 111.78 acres, appears to be accurate and appropriate. The West Crown Ranch Parcel is located about three air miles southeast of the Town of Carbondale, in the Crystal River Valley area of unincorporated Pitkin County, Colorado.

Based on my review, the report complies substantially with the Statement of Work (SOW). The report does not include any Extraordinary Assumptions or Hypothetical Conditions. A definition of market was provided in the SOW and this definition was used in the appraisal report. Overall, the report is accurate and complete and complies substantially with USPAP, UASFLA, and the SOW issued for the assignment.

# b) Develop an opinion as to the apparent adequacy and relevance of the data and the propriety of any adjustments to the data, given the reviewer's scope of work.

The report provided considerable information regarding the subject West Crown Parcel. The property data description and analysis was more than adequate including key aspects as listed below:

Larger Parcel – the three tests that must be considered are unity of ownership, unity of use, and physical contiguity. The West Crown Parcel meets all three of the tests and the Appraiser concluded that the 111.78 acre subject is a single larger parcel. Valuing the West Crown Parcel as one larger parcel is reasonable and appropriate.

The West Crown Parcel has direct and year-round vehicular access from County Road 111 (a/k/a Prince Creek Road), which forms the western boundary of the parcel). It originates in Garfield County at State Highway 133, and is paved with winter maintenance for the first three miles. Prince Creek Road enters Pitkin County after a distance of one mile from the highway, but is only plowed during the winter by Garfield County to the Price Creek Village subdivision entrance (per agreement between the counties). The subject is located about one-half mile southeast of the end of county winter maintenance, with private snowplowing required for year-round access. The interior of the parcel is traversed by a network of unofficial ("social" or "bandit") hiking / biking trails.

Zoning and Land Use – The subject property is zoned RS-30 (Resource – 30 Acre) by Pitkin County. The intent is to protect natural resources and agriculture while allowing for some very low density development. Since the tax parcel was created prior to January 10, 2000 and is privately owned, it qualifies for one residential exemption to the Pitkin County Growth Management Quota System (GMQS).

The Highest and Best Use of the subject property is one single-family residential home site (either seasonal use only or year-round with some private winter maintenance of the county road) with complimentary agriculture and / or recreation.

The Appraiser identified four primary comparable sales with an additional seven sales recognized as superior to the subject and three sales recognized as inferior and not selected

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as primary comparables. Each of the primary comparable sales was thoroughly analyzed including comments, photos and maps. In summary, the report contains sufficient relevant market data and appropriate analysis leading to a credible result.

c) Develop an opinion as to the appropriateness of the appraisal methods and techniques used, given the reviewer's scope of work, and develop the reasons for any disagreement.

The report describes the appraisal methodology of the three standard approaches to value and concludes that the <u>Sales Comparison Approach</u> was the only approach applicable to this assignment.

The Appraiser concluded there was insufficient data in the local market to make a matched-pair analysis of the sales and derive well-supported quantitative adjustments (i.e., percentage or dollar amounts) for most units of comparison. The exception is percentage adjustments for market conditions as shown on the Comparable Sales Summary and Adjustment Grid on page 42 of the report. The market conditions quantitative adjustments were developed from credible data.

The Appraiser analyzed the comparable sales data for the subject parcels using well written narrative describing the analysis used to reach an opinion of value. The appraisal process, methods, techniques and analysis used in the report analysis and discussion were appropriate and the conclusion is reasonable.

d) Develop an opinion as to whether the analyses, opinions, and conclusions are appropriate and reasonable, given the reviewer's scope of work, and develop the reasons for any disagreement.

The raw data from the four primary comparable sales indicated a range from a low of \$6,344 to a high of \$12,143 per acre. After quantitative adjustments for market conditions the range was narrower with a low of \$6,344 and a high of \$11,262 per acre. After qualitative adjustments the comparable sales indicate a market value for the subject property that would be slightly more than \$6,344 per acre (Sale 4), roughly equivalent to \$8,579 per acre (Sale 3), slightly less than \$9,107 per acre (Sale 2), and \$11,262 per acre (Sale 1). The Appraiser's opinion of the current market value of the West Crown Parcel (non-Federal) is \$8,500 per acre, with total value for the 111.78 acre holding (as a single larger parcel) calculated as follows:

#### **111.78** Acres @ \$8,500 = \$950,130

## Rounded - \$950,000

#### **Conclusion:**

The concluded value of \$950,000 for the subject 111.78 acres is approved and considered appropriate and reasonable.

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#### REVIEWER CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- 1. The facts and data reported by the reviewer and used in the review process are true and correct.
- 2. The analyses, opinions, and conclusions in this review report are limited only by the assumptions and limiting conditions stated in this review report, and are my personal, impartial, and unbiased professional analysis, opinions, and conclusions.
- 3. I have no present or prospective interest in the property that is the subject of this report, and I have no personal interest with respect to the parties involved.
- 4. I have no bias with respect to the property that is the subject of the work under review, or to the parties involved with this assignment.
- 5. I have not performed any services regarding the subject property within the three year period immediately preceding acceptance of the assignment.
- 6. My engagement in this assignment was not contingent upon developing or reporting predetermined results.
- 7. My compensation is not contingent on an action or event resulting from the analyses, opinions, or conclusions in this review or from its use.
- 8. My analyses, opinions, and conclusions were developed and this review report was prepared in conformity with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) and the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions (UASFLA) except to the extent that UASFLA requires the invocation of the USPAP's Jurisdictional Exception Rule, as described in Section D-1 of UASFLA.
- 9. I did personally inspect the subject property (West Crown Parcel) with contract appraiser Kevin A. Chandler, MAI, and others on August 23 and November 15, 2012; I did inspected several of the market comparables cited in the appraisal report under review; have not verified any of the factual data presented in the appraisal report reviewed.
- 10. No one provided significant professional assistance to the review appraiser.
- 11. As of the date of this report, I have completed the continuing education program of the Appraisal Institute.
- 12. The use of this report is subject to the requirements of the Appraisal Institute relating to review by its duly authorized representatives.
- 13. The reported analyses, opinions, and conclusions were developed, and this report has been prepared, in conformity with the requirements of the Code of Professional Ethics and Standards of Professional Practice of the Appraisal Institute.

Review Appraiser		
	Signature	
	ŀ	Kent C. Stevens, MAI
License or Certification Number	Colorado CG-01324531	
Date Signed		
	Yes	No
Desk Review		X
Field Review	X	
Date(s) of Field Review	August 23 and November 15, 2012	

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#### **REVIEWER'S QUALIFICATIONS**

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#### **EDUCATION:**

#### B.S., BUSINESS MANAGEMENT, FINANCE

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY (BYU), Provo, Utah, 1979

Mr. Stevens has successfully completed a number of classes offered by the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers (AI) and the American Society of Farm Managers & Rural Appraisers (ASFMRA).

#### **EXPERIENCE:**

#### REVIEW APPRAISER, 2003 – Present

U.S. DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR, Office of Valuation Services (OVS) – formerly Appraisal Services Directorate (ASD), Lakewood, Colorado

As Review Appraiser, Mr. Stevens is responsible for contracting and reviewing appraisals for the OVS BLM Team and other assignments as required.

#### APPRAISER / REVIEW APPRAISER, 1996 - 2003

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (NPS), Lakewood, Colorado

Appraised and / or contracted and reviewed Concession improvements located within National Parks.

#### APPRAISER / REVIEW APPRAISER 1988 – 1996

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (GSA), Lakewood, Colorado

Prepared and / or contracted and reviewed RENT appraisals, prepared and / or contracted and reviewed narrative appraisals on land for expanding US Courts or new construction and for government used space including office, warehouse, etc.

#### STAFF APPRAISER 1986 – 1988

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFRAIRS (BIA), Billings, Montana

Appraised and / or reviewed appraisals of tribal allotments and / or building improvements located within Indian Reservations in Montana and Wyoming.

#### FEE APPRAISER – 1983 - 1986

BRADY APPRAISAL AND ASSOCIATES, Billings, Montana

Mr. Stevens was introduction to the appraisal industry by initially beginning as a researcher / appraisal trainee. He researched information and increasingly participated in appraising residential, commercial, industrial, and farm / ranch properties.

#### **PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS AND LICENSES:**

MAI, awarded by the Appraisal Institute, April 2006

Colorado Certified General License Number: CG-01324531 awarded 1992.

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